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Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

Election of nine members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: biographical information on candidates

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The procedure for the election of members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as established in Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, is outlined in document E/2010/9/Add.10. The list of current members is contained in the annex to that document.

2. In a note verbale dated 26 October 2009, the Secretary-General invited States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to submit their nominations for membership in the Committee within three months.

3. Biographical information on the candidates nominated by States parties to the Covenant is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Biographical information on candidates for election to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights[a]

Clément Atangana (Cameroon)

Date and place of birth: 20 September 1941, Ekoumeyek, Cameroon

Current position

Judge of the Supreme Court of Cameroon, Yaoundé

Education

Primary school diploma, Yaoundé Regional School

First-Cycle Secondary School Diploma (BEPC), Collège François Xavier Vogt, Yaoundé

The following year, high school degree in applied science, Manengouba High School, Nkongsamba

Bachelor's degree in private law, Faculty of Law and Economics, Federal University of Cameroon

Graduate, Legal Division, National College of Administration and Magistrates (ENAM), Yaoundé

Graduate, International Institute of Public Administration (IIAP), Paris

Professional activities

Became a judge on 20 December 1998 and held successively the following posts:

- Examining Magistrate, Court of First Instance, Nkongsamba
- President, Court of First Instance of:
  - Fséka: Prosecutor
  - Bafia: Prosecutor
  - Mora: Prosecutor
  - Sangmélima: Prosecutor
- Senior Judge, Douala and Yaoundé
- President, Supreme Court, Yaoundé
- Deputy Director for Legal Affairs and Justice, Ministry of Justice
- Procurator-General, Northern District Court of Appeal
- President, Central District Court of Appeal

[a] The complete curriculum vitae of each candidate may be consulted in the files of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council.

- Adviser to the Supreme Court
- President, Administrative Chamber, Supreme Court
- President, National General Election Committee, since 1997 (legislative elections and presidential election)
- Member, United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (three terms)
- Honorary member, High Council of the Judiciary
- Officer, National Order of Valour

Aslan Abashidze (Russian Federation)

Date and place of birth: 18 November 1958, Batumi, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

Working languages: English, Russian

Educational background

1995-1998: Doctor of Legal Sciences programme, Law Faculty, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia

1989-1991: Master's programme, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law/Law Faculty, Lund University, Sweden

1985-1988: Doctoral programme, Law Faculty, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia

1982-1988: Law degree, Law Faculty, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia

Current positions

Professor, International Law Department, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, under the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Professor, International Law Department, Law Faculty, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia; Director, of Centre for Innovations in Education and Legal Research

Member, Human Rights Council Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

Professional activities

2008-present Member of the Human Rights Council Working Group on Arbitrary Detention

2006-present Director, Centre for Innovations in Education and Legal Research, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia

2002-2006 Assistant to member of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights

2001-present Professor, International Law Department, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, under the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

1998-present Associate Professor, International Law Department, Law Faculty, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia

Head of the International Law Commission of the United National Association of Russia; member of the Executive Committee of the United National Association of Russia; member of the World International Law Association; member of the Central Council of the Foreign Policy Association

Full member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and the Academy of Safety and Legal Order; member of the Expert Council of International Law for the Chairmen of the State Duma and the Federal Council of Russia

Publications

Author of more than 170 papers on international law, published in, inter alia, the Russian Federation, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Serbia, Switzerland, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America

Virginia Bonoan Dandan (Philippines)

Date and place of birth: 10 September 1941, Laoag, Ilocos Norte, Philippines

Nationality: Filipino

Working Languages: English (proficient), Spanish (read)

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of the Philippines, 1977

Master of Arts in Anthropology, University of the Philippines, 1989

PhD in Anthropology, 1995

Professional activities

Special areas of expertise in the field of human rights: human rights education and learning, the right to education, the rights of indigenous peoples, the right to participate in cultural life, gender issues, human rights in development, and human rights as an instrument of peace, harmony and unity in nation-building

Chair of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights from 1998 to 2006

Authored the Committee's general comment No. 16, on article 3 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, on the equal right of men and women to the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights

Co-authored with another committee member, general comment No. 21, on article 15, paragraph 1 (a), of the Covenant on the right of everyone to take part in cultural life, recently adopted by the Committee

Negotiated on the establishment, and is a member, of the Joint Expert Working Group on the Monitoring of the Right to Education, composed of two members of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, and two members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. The Working Group is the first formal partnership between a United Nations specialized agency and a treaty body, created to address human rights issues related to a concern common to both: the right to education

Conducts workshops on treaty body reporting and on national and regional action to follow up on the concluding observations of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Conducts research on the area of human rights, focused on human rights for economic, social and cultural development at the grass-roots level, especially for those living in poverty and exclusion

Actively promotes the concept of human rights as an instrument of peace, unity and harmony towards nation-building through, inter alia:

- Personal engagement with States parties to assist them in understanding how best to comply with their treaty obligations, including by advising them on possible action to follow up on their respective concluding observations

- Efforts, within the framework of human rights in community development, with indigenous peoples in the Philippines
- The teaching and development of a tertiary-level curriculum on human rights in development
- Studies on the development of indicators and benchmarks in the area of economic, social and cultural rights

Current positions

National Project Manager, Human Rights Community Development Project in Three Philippine Indigenous Peoples' Communities, a bilateral project of the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines and the Human Rights Commission of New Zealand

Adjunct Faculty Member; Master's in Development Management programme, Asian Institute of Management, Makati, Philippines

Selected publications

"Monitoring, supervision and dialogue in the human rights system, challenges for the UN development agencies". *SCN News*, No. 18, pp. 34-38. Geneva, World Health Organization, 1999

"A view beyond Beijing" *Symposium on human rights in the Asia-Pacific region -- toward partnership for the promotion and protection of human rights*. Tokyo, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, 1995

"Profile of the Samoki Woman". *Review of Women's Studies*, vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 2-14. Quezon City, University of the Philippines, 1990

The Philippines at the dawn of the twenty-first century. Manila, Office of the Press Secretary, Republic of the Philippines, 1989.

Readings on the Tasaday. Pasig, Tasaday Community Care Foundation, 1989 (editor).

"Traditional art forms in Luzon". *Research gems*. Quezon City, University of the Philippines, 1988

The University Art Collection General Catalogue, Volume Two: the Jorge Vargas collection. Quezon City, Art Inventory Committee, Office of the President, University of the Philippines System, 1987 (co-author)

The University Art Collection General Catalogue, Volume One. Quezon City, Art Inventory Committee, Office of the President, University of the Philippines System, 1987 (co-author)

"Images of the Filipino woman". *Women, policy and action*. Manila, National Commission on the Status of Women, March 1987

Maria Virginia Bras Gomes (Portugal)

Date and place of birth: 10 March 1951, Goa, India

Nationality: Portuguese

Working languages: English, French

Education

Bachelor of Arts (English Special), Bombay University

Diplôme d'Etudes Françaises, University of Toulouse

Salzburg Global Seminar Scholar at the 298th session, on managing non-governmental organizations

Four-month training in the field of social services in the United States of America, at the University of Western Michigan and in community services

Professional activities

Coordination of and/or participation in the preparation of reports on the implementation of international instruments (European Union, Council of Europe, United Nations)

Coordination of and/or participation in interdepartmental and multidisciplinary groups on several aspects of policies and practices in the fields of social security, social protection, social development, social action and international relations

Participation as a national and international expert in conferences, seminars and meetings

Ministerial appointments to carry out special missions

Activities in Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2007/2010 mandate)

Co-Rapporteur for general comment 19, on the right to social security

Rapporteur for the revised guidelines for national reports on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Current position

Senior Social Policy Adviser, Ministry for Labour and Social Solidarity (Portugal)

Training activities

United Nations treaty body system, core human rights instruments, economic, social and cultural rights and international cooperation for professionals in the Ministry for Labour and Social Solidarity, universities, human rights institutions and non-governmental organization training programmes

Faculty Member, Nottingham University Human Rights Law Centre Summer School, 2008

Speaker at the United Nations Development Programme Global Human Rights Community of Practice meeting, 2009

Presentations, papers and articles

Presentations and papers on various aspects of economic, social and cultural rights and socio-economic policies and practices, including, most recently, "The Right to Livelihoods", presented in India in December 2009, and "Combating poverty in times of crisis: a new challenge or a symptom of ongoing policy failure?", presented in the Social Forum of the Human Rights Council in August 2009.

Selected articles:

- "The future of economic, social and cultural rights" and "Individualization and the crumbling of the welfare state", Palgrave Macmillan
- "Human rights and development: the two sides of the same coin", Iboorberg Verlag GmbH & Co, KG
- "Multicultural Europe: combating racism and intolerance", French National Consultative Commission on Human Rights
- Awaiting publication: "Discrimination, mega-development and conflict: the insurmountable triangle?"

Memberships

Board of Trustees of the European Roma Rights Centre Foundation

Scientific Committee of the World Forum on Human Rights

International Board of the Programme on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

High-level advisory group on de-institutionalization of the European Social Network

Board of the Portuguese Committee for the United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Committee of the International Centre for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Chandrashekhar Dasgupta (India)

Date and place of birth: 2 May 1940, Kolkata, India

Nationality: Indian

Working languages: English, Spanish, Hindi, Bengali

Education

BA (Honours), Delhi University

Professional activities

Diplomatic career in the Indian Foreign Service from 1962 to 2000. Served as, inter alia, Ambassador to the European Union (1996-2000), Ambassador to China (1993-1995), High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania (1983-1986) and High Commissioner to Singapore (1981-1983)

Also served as, inter alia, Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (1988-1989) and Vice-Chair of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (1988-1989)

Current positions

Member, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Member, Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change

Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi

Azzouz Kerdoun (Algeria)

Date and place of birth: 17 July 1947, Constantine, Algeria

Nationality: Algerian

Working languages: French, Arabic, English

Education

High school degree in philosophy/literature, 1970

Bachelor's degree in public law, University of Constantine, 1975

Certificate in Human Rights, Strasbourg, 1977

Master's degree in public international law, University of Montpellier, 1978

Master's degree in political science, University of Montpellier, 1979

PhD in public law, University of Montpellier, 1981

Professional activities

University professor and Director, Maghreb-Mediterranean Research Laboratory

Legal counsel

Current positions

Full professor, University of Constantine

Director, Maghreb-Mediterranean Research Laboratory

Research Director

Publications

Books:

- *La coopération arabo-africaine*. Paris, Berger-Levrault, 1987
- *Les transfert de technologie vers les pays en voie de développement: aspects juridiques et institutionnels*. Algiers, Office des Publications Universitaires (OPU) 1999
- *La sécurité en Méditerranée: défis et stratégies*. Paris, Publisud, 1995
- *Environnement et développement durable: enjeux et défis*. Paris, Publisud, 2000
- *L'environnement en Algérie: impact sur l'écosystème*. Constantine, Dar El Houda, 2001
- *Euro-Méditerranée: le processus de Barcelone en question*. Constantine, Dar El Houda, 2004

Many published articles, the most important of which are:

- "Le droit international et la réalisation des droits de l'homme dans le domaine de l'information et la communication". Algiers, *Revue algérienne des relations internationales*, 1989
- "La violation des règles du droit international humanitaire dans le conflit Irak-Iran et l'intervention du CICR". Algiers, *Revue algérienne des relations internationales*, 1992
- "Régionalisme et intégration en Afrique: vers un nouveau groupement des pays sahélo-sahariens". Paris, *Revue juridique et politique*, 1998
- "Les mines antipersonnel et le droit de l'homme à l'environnement". Paris, *Revue juridique et politique*, 2002
- "Le droit au développement en tant que droit de l'homme". Montreal, *Revue Québécoise de droit international*, 2004
- "Endettement et droit international: réflexion pour une approche juridique du problème de la dette des pays en voie de développement". Paris, 2005
- "Le droit des migrants en Algérie". Geneva, International Labour Organization, 2007
- "La dimension environnementale de la sécurité dans l'espace méditerranéen". Paris, *Revue les Cahiers de l'Orient*, 2008
- "Gouvernance et développement pour l'Afrique: l'initiative du NEPAD: une solution? ". Paris, *Revue française de Géoéconomie*, 2006
- "Crise écologique mondiale et stratégie d'action pour la promotion d'un développement durable en Algérie". Dakar, Conseil pour le développement de la recherche en sciences sociales en Afrique (CODESRIA), 2007
- "Les aspects juridiques de la migration circulaire en Algérie". Florence, Consortium for Applied Research on International Migration (CARIM), Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS), 2008
- "La nouvelle loi algérienne 08-11 sur la condition des étrangers: mutation des règles juridiques et leur impact sur la migration irrégulière". Florence, European University Institute, 2009
- "Liberté des échanges, globalisation économique et protection des droits de l'homme". Aix-en-Provence, 2009

Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão (Brazil)

Nationality: Brazilian

Working languages: Portuguese, Spanish, English

Education

PhD in International Law and International Relations, Autonomous University of Madrid (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid), 2008. Title of the thesis: "The economic, social and cultural rights in Europe and America: a study of the jurisprudential framework of the European and inter-American systems of protection of human rights"

Diploma of Advanced Studies in International Law and International Relations, José Ortega and Gasset University Research Institute and Autonomous University of Madrid (Instituto de Investigación Universitária José Ortega y Gasset y Universidad Autónoma de Madrid), 2006. Title of thesis: "The economic, social and cultural rights in the inter-American system of human rights under the force of the San Salvador Protocol"

Master of International Relations, Political Science and International Relations Institute, University of Brasilia (Universidade de Brasília), 2000. Title of thesis: "The economic, social and cultural rights in Latin America: a study under the San Salvador Protocol"

Academic Diploma in International Protection of Human Rights, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, San José, Costa Rica, 1994-1995. Title of thesis: "The right to migrate"

Graduate in Law, University Centre of Brasilia (Centro Universitário de Brasília), 1995

Graduate in International Relations, University of Brasilia (Universidade de Brasília), 1994

Professional activities

2006-2007 Specialized Consultant, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

2003-2004 Coordinator of International Relations Course, University Centre of Brasilia

1999-2004 Legal Consultant, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

2002-2004 Researcher, Institute of International Relations, University of Brasilia

2001-2002 Substitute Professor, Institute of International Relations, University of Brasilia

1998-2003 Attorney, Alino & Roberto e Advogados (social, international and constitutional law)

1998 Assistant for Indigenous and Environmental Issues, Institute of Socio-Economic Studies

1995-1998 Human Rights, Ethnicity and Indigenous People Programme Officer, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, San José, Costa Rica

Current positions

2009-present General Coordinator, National Committee for Refugees, Brazilian Ministry for Justice

2000-present Professor, Department of Juridical Sciences and Social Sciences, University Centre of Brasilia

Publications

Several publications, including the following:

- *The jurisprudential construction of the European and inter-American systems of protection concerning economic, social and cultural rights*. Porto Alegre, Núria Fabris Editora, 2009, 446 pages
- *The recognition of refugees around Brazil; comments on CONARE decisions*. Brasilia, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, National Committee for Refugees, 2007.
- *Written, commented and jurisprudential memory of the National Committee for Refugees — CONARE*. Brasilia, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 2007, 163 pages, online version: http://www.acnur.org/biblioteca/pdf/5405.pdf.
- *Trends in the international law of human rights law; studies in honour of Professor Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade*. Porto Alegre, Sergio Antonio Fabris Editor, 2005, 6 vols., 3437 pages, ISBN 8575253220 (coordinator)
- *The economic, social and cultural rights in Latin America and the San Salvador Protocol*. Porto Alegre, Sergio Antonio Fabris Editor, 2001, 244 pages, ISBN 8588278111
- "The International Court of Justice — ICJ — and the issue of the territorial controversy between the Republic of Chad and the People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya: notes based on international public law". *Revista do Instituto Brasileiro de Direitos Humanos*, Ano 7, vol. 7, No. 7, 2006/2007, pp. 151-162, ISSN 1677-1419
- "The universality of human rights and the right to life: comments based on Professor Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade". *Trends in the international law of human rights*. Coordenação de Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão. Porto Alegre, safE, vol. 1, 2005, pp. 109-137
- "An analysis of the fragmentation of the multilateral treaties based on the 2004 report of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights". *Revista do Instituto Brasileiro de Direitos Humanos*, Ano 6, vol. 6, No. 6, 2005, pp. 191-196, ISSN 1677-1419
- "Brazil and the concept of refugee: an analysis after the creation of the National Committee for Refugees — CONARE". *Revista do Instituto Brasileiro de Direitos Humanos*, Ano 5, vol. 5, No. 5, 2004, ISSN 1677-1419

- "The globalization phenomenon: a brief analysis focused on Latin America". *Revista Universitas/Relações Internacionais*, Edição Semestral, Ano 2, vol. 2, No. 1, 2004, pp. 57-67

- "The three threads of the international protection of the human person: thoughts focused on MERCOSUR". *Revista Universitas/Relações Internacionais*, Edição Semestral, Ano 1, vol. 1, No. 2, 2003, pp. 85-108

- "MERCOSUR and the three threads of the international protection of the human person: human rights, refugee law and humanitarian law". *A Nova Ordem Mundial e os Conflitos Armados/El Nuevo Orden Mundial y los Conflictos Armados*. Coordenadores Daniel Amin Ferraz e Denise Hauser. Belo Horizonte, Mandamentos, 2002, pp. 93-130

- "Brief comments on the inter-American system of human rights". *Revista Universitas/Relações Internacionais*, Edição Semestral, Ano 1, vol. 1, No. 1, 2002, pp. 87-104

- "The inter-American system of human rights and the economic, social and cultural rights". *Revista do Instituto Brasileiro de Direitos Humanos*, Ano 3, vol. 3, No. 3, 2002, pp. 205-228

- "MERCOSUR and human rights". *Revista on line Mercosul*. Site do Ministério das Relações Exteriores do Brasil, Mercosul, Fórum de Debates, 22/2/2002, http://www.mercosul.gov.br/forum

- "The San Salvador Protocol and the economic, social and cultural rights in Latin America". *Direitos Humanos Internacionais: avanços e desafios no início do século XXI*. Lima Jr., Jayme Benvenuto (Org.), GAJOP, MNDH e CRS, Programa dhINTERNACIONAL, 2001, pp. 110-142

- "The solidarity of refuge in Brazil". Leão, Renato Z.R., e Milesi, Rosita. *Migrantes cidadãos*. Milesi, R., e Shimano, M.L. (Orgs.), Edições Loyola, 2001

- "Indigenous peoples, globalization and human rights". *Meridiano 47: Boletim de Análise de Conjuntura em Relações Internacionais*. Instituto Brasileiro de Relações Internacionais, ISSN 1518-1219, No. 6, dezembro de 2000

- "Citizenship: human rights in practice". Leão, Renato Z. R., e Verwey, Anton. *Cidadania Mundial: a base da paz*, vários autores, Planeta Paz, 2000

- "The international law of indigenous peoples". *Revista Jurídica Consulex*, Ano XIII, No. 289, 31/01/2009, pp. 38 e 39

- "The Inter-American Court and the rights of the immigrant workers". *Correio Braziliense*, Suplemento Direito & Justiça, p. 3. Brasília, 13 de outubro de 2003

- "Inter-American Court condemns taxes on inactive people". *Correio Braziliense*, Artigo de Capa do Suplemento Direito & Justiça. Brasília, 9 de junho de 2003

Jaime Marchán Romero (Ecuador)

Date and place of birth: 15 March 1947, Quito

Nationality: Ecuadorian

Working languages: Spanish, English, French, Italian

Education

Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador, Faculty of Law, 1966-1972

Professional activities

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, 1992-1995 and 2001-2003

Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, various occasions

Director, Diplomatic Academy, 2008-2009

Ambassador of Ecuador to Yugoslavia, 1989-1990

Ambassador of Ecuador to Italy, 1990-1992

Ambassador of Ecuador to Austria, 1995-1997

Ambassador of Ecuador to Chile, 1997-2000

Ambassador of Ecuador to Switzerland, 2003-2007

Fellow, Hispano-Luso-American Institute of International Law, Madrid

Rapporteur on cultural rights, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Geneva, 2005-2009

Chairman, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Geneva, 2009-2010

Member, Ateneo Ecuatoriano de Letras, Quito

Current position

Chairman, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Geneva

Publications

Human rights:

- "Los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales en el derecho internacional", paper presented at the First Seminar on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, organized by Ecuador's National Congress. Quito, 1997
- "El sentido de las obligaciones de los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales". *Revista de la Asociación de Funcionarios Ecuatorianos del Servicio Exterior (AFESE)*, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Quito, 1998
- "La justiciabilidad de los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales", paper presented at the Workshop on the Development of Strategies for the Promotion of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Buenos Aires, 2001
- "La Carta Andina de Derechos Humanos, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores". Quito, 2001

- "Los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales en el contexto de América Latina", paper presented at the seminar on human rights organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. Santiago, 2004
- "Propiedad intelectual y derechos humanos". Geneva, 2005
- "El derecho a participar in la vida cultural". Fribourg, 2006
- "Los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales en en mundo contemporáneo". Quito, Latin American Social Science Institute (FLACSO), 2008
- "Comentario general al Artículo 15 del Pacto de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales: el derecho a participar en la vida cultural". University of Barcelona, 2008
- "Presente y futuro de los derechos culturales". Madrid and Bilbao, UNESCO Etxea, 2009

Literary works

- *La Otra Vestidura*. Madrid, Editorial Verbum, 1991 (novel)
- Honourable mention, Latin American Pegasus Prize, 1994
- *Destino Estambul*. Madrid, Editorial Verbum, 1997 (novel)
- *Itinerario de Trenes*. Madrid, Editorial Verbum, 2000 (novel)
- *Yazgim Istanbul*. Istambul, Türkiye Cumhuriyeti (T.C.) Kültür Bakanliği, 2002 (novel translated from Turkish)
- *Dacáveres*: *Relatos perversos*. Madrid, Editorial Verbum, 2004 (short stories)

Eibe Riedel (Germany)

Date and place of birth: 26 January 1943, Zwittau, Czech Republic

Nationality: German

Working languages: German, English, French

Education

Studies in law and theology, King's College, London

LL.B. Honours, Associate of King's College (A.K.C.) (Theology)

Studies in law, University of Kiel

Senior Research Assistant, University of Kiel

Dr. Iur., Dr. Iur. Habil., University of Kiel

Professional activities

1983-1986	Professor of Public and International Law, University of Mainz
1986-1993	Chair of Public and International Law, University of Marburg; Director, Institute of Public Law and Department of International Law, Marburg
1989/1990	Dean of Faculty
1990-1992	Visiting Professor of Public and International Law, University of Jena
1993-2008	Chair of German and Comparative Public Law, European and International Law, University of Mannheim
1997-present	Member (and, until 2007, Vice-Chair), Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Geneva
1989-2008	Director of Studies for International Law and Examiner, Foreign Office, Bonn/Berlin
2005-present	Member, Scientific Advisory Council, German Foreign Office, Berlin
2007-present	Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague
2002 present	Member, Joint Expert Group, Committee on Conventions and Recommendations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
2003-present	Member (and, since 2008, Chair), Board of Trustees, German Institute for Human Rights, Berlin
1997-2001	Pro-Vice-Chancellor, University of Mannheim

Current positions

Swiss Chair of Human Rights, Institut de hautes études internationales et du développement, Geneva

Director, Institute for German, European and International Medical Law, Public Health Law and Bioethics of the Universities of Heidelberg and Mannheim

Director, Institute for Inland Navigation Law, University of Mannheim

Honorary Adjunct Professor, University of Adelaide, Australia

Publications

Several monographs, 37 co-edited monographs, more than 100 articles in legal journals and chapters in books

Heisoo Shin (Republic of Korea)

Date and place of birth: 23 June 1950, Gyeonggi Province, Republic of Korea

Nationality: Korean

Working language: English

Education

Ph.D. in Sociology, Rutgers — The State University of New Jersey, United States of America, 1991

Master's degree in Sociology, Ewha Womans University, 1976

Bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature, Ewha Womans University, 1972

Professional activities

Member (and Vice-Chair for 2003-2004), Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 2001-2004 and 2005-2008

Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission of Korea, 2005-2008

Convener, Gyeongnam World Conference on Women's Human Rights, 2008-2009

Member, International Advisory Committee for the Secretary-General's in-depth study on all forms of violence against women, 2005-2006

Member of the United Nations high-level mission to Afghanistan, August 2006

Member of the Task Force on Violence against Women (1992-1999), Steering Committee (1995-1999), Working Group on Women's Human Rights (2000-2007) and Organizing Committee (2009-present) of the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development

Chair, Committee on Gender Policies, Ministry of Justice, Republic of Korea, 2006-present

Representative, Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan, 2004-2007

Commissioner, Presidential Commission for Sustainable Development, 2002-2005; in particular, functioned as Chair of Special Committee on Official Development Assistance

Member, Board of Directors, Korea Human Rights Foundation, 1999-2005

President, Korea Women's Hot Line, a national organization with 26 branches providing assistance to victims of gender violence and discrimination, 1995-2003

Co-Representative, Korea Women's Associations United, a national coalition of 6 regional branches and 28 women's movement organizations addressing issues relating to labour, agriculture, political representation, gender violence, disabilities and peace, 1999-2002

Co-Representative, Joint Action Committee for the Establishment of the National Human Rights Institution, composed of 72 human rights non-governmental organizations, 1998-2001

Chair, Executive Committee, National Movement for Legislation on Domestic Violence, a coalition of 22 national civil movement organizations, 1996-1997

Academic experience

Professor, Faculty of Social Welfare, Hanil University and Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1993-2000

Visiting Professor, Graduate School of NGO Studies, Kyung Hee University, 2001-2007

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Rutgers — The State University of New Jersey, United States of America, 1984-1985

Current positions

Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University

Representative, National Movement for the Eradication of Sex Trafficking

Co-Representative, Foundation Committee for War and Women's Human Rights Museum

Publications

Books:

- *Situations of gender discrimination in colleges and measures for change.* Policy development research, Ministry of Education, 2000
- *Political economy of the entertainment industry in Korea.* Translated by Kim Jo Sul. Tokyo, Shinkansha, 1997
- *Letting daughter-in-law do the Bibimbap dishwashing while letting daughter do the Nulenbap dishwashing?* Press 21, 1996 (co-authorship)

Papers:

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Professional activities

Examining and summarizing domestic and international human rights cases and any other case referred by the Minister

Expert representative of Burkina Faso, Working Group on the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Coordinator, National Monitoring Committee for reflection on the human rights dimension of poverty

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Administrator representing the Ministry for the Promotion of Human Rights in the National Identification Office Administrative Council

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Current position

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Law and political science graduate, University of Antioquia, 1968

Postgraduate studies in agricultural development and planning, Institute of Economic and Social Development Studies, Paris, 1975

Doctorate in history, University of Paris

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Professor Emeritus, National University of Colombia

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Permanent Representative of Colombia to the Organization of American States

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Publications

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- *Hacia una concepción global de los derechos humanos*. Bogotá, Centro de Estudios de la Realidad Colombiana (CEREC), 1990
- *Colombia en la OEA*. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, 1998
- *Integración y Democracia en América Latina y el Caribe*. Buenos Aires, Institute for Latin American and Caribbean Integration (INTAL), 1997
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Doctorate in international law, thesis: Mada shar'iyyat qararat majlis al-amn iza' al-'iraq (The legitimacy of Security Council resolutions on Iraq)

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Publications

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- "Al-tanmiyah wa al-takamul". 1983
- "Mustaqbal al-khalij al-arabi fi daw' ittifaqiyyat al-bihar". 1987
- "Mubadarat al-difa' al-istratiji". 1987
- "Siyasat al-tadakhkhul al-amriki fi al-marhalah al-jadidah". 1988
- "Al-ittifaqiyyat al-bahriyyah". 1988
- "Al-mintaqah al-iqtisadiyyah al-khalisah". 1989
- "Al-'iraq wa duwal al-jiwar al-iqlimi". 1991
- "Al-'awlamah wa tada'iyyatuha al-siyasiyyah wa al-qanuniyyah". 1993
- "Falsafat al-siyasah al-kharijiyyah al-amrikiyyah". 1999
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